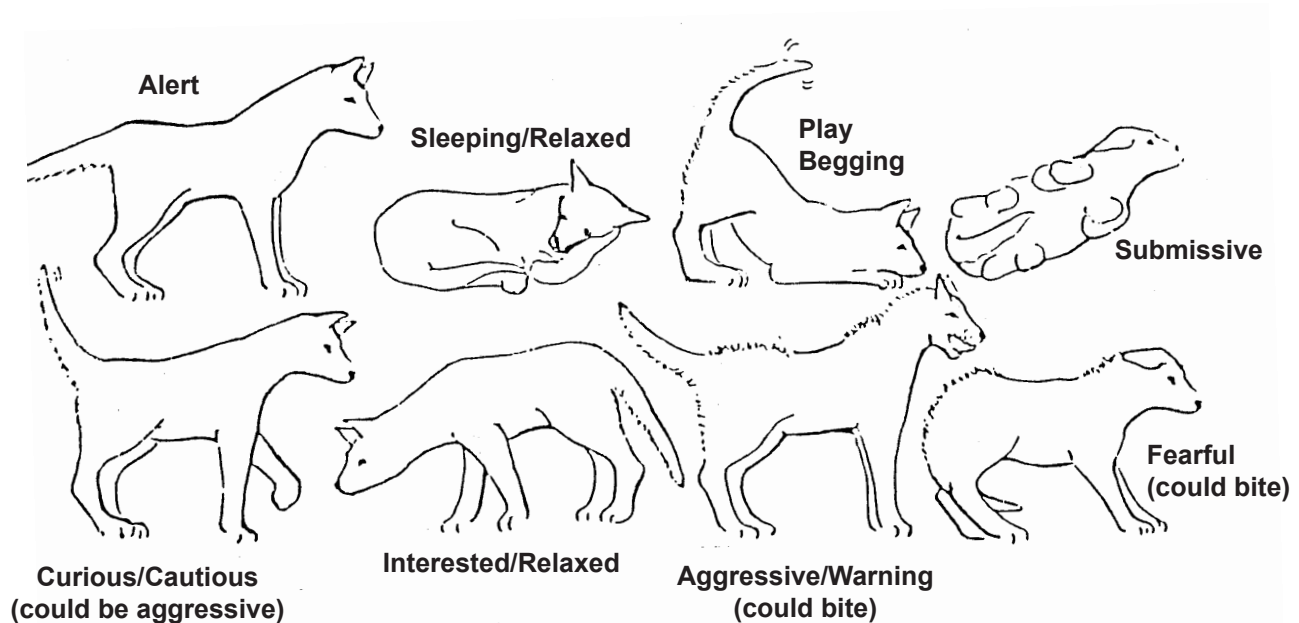


# Dog Behavior Facts

- 1) ☐ Never look directly into the eyes of a strange dog. In dog language, this is considered a ☐ ☐ challenge to fight.
- 2) ☐ A wagging tail is NOT always a sign of friendliness. Often, a nervous, shy dog wags his tail.
- 3) ☐ Most dogs are very protective of whatever they consider to be their property. Be wary of ☐ ☐ approaching a dog in a car or a dog in someone's yard.
- 4) ☐ The area surrounding a dog's head is considered, by dogs, to be very personal. Do not put your ☐ ☐ hand up over the head of a dog you do not know — you may be asking to be bit.
- 5) ☐ Always have a dog sniff you first. Offer your hand, in a closed fist, at nose level for sniffing. ☐ ☐ Scent is a dog's way of "reading" about you.

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